

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the design elements of the Agricultural Building Project and take any action necessary regarding this project.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Blake Vance entered the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Call To Order

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agricultural Building Project

Tim Greene, County Manager, stated that the Board had met early in February and one of the things we talked about was the Agricultural Building. At that meeting we were leaning at that point to really look at doing this in two phases. One phase being the office space and phase two the community room. After our meeting I called Mr. Johnson with Boomerang Designs and asked him to come up with a design we could do in phases. If we do that, what kind of costs are we looking at to do it that way.

Rob Johnson, Boomerang Designs, explained the three options for the Agricultural Building. There was discussion regarding the options.

Tim Greene stated that I think everyone is ready to do it in two phases; we are anywhere from \$500,000 to \$600,000 short on phase I so you will need to be prepared to take it out of fund balance.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance that we do the Agricultural Building Project in two phases; go with option 4 and allow Jerry Moody and his staff to tweak the inside of the building as needed and we approve the additional funds to complete the administration part of the building out of the general fund. Motion unanimously approved.

Tim Greene suggested that Mr. Johnson go back and work on option 4 and then bring that back to Mr. Greene, Jerry Moody and staff and then we will sign off on that.

Adjourn

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to adjourn this meeting at 4:14 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

**Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk